Food Corporation of India in each States during the last one year for public distribution system; and

(b) what are the standards followed by the FCI regarding the quality of each type of foodgrains procured in the market with regard to norms/percentages fixed by Government for moisture, broken pieces, foreign matter etc. found in the foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) The required information is furnished in the attached Statement-I (*See below*)

(b) The quality standards of paddy, rice and wheat prescribed by the Government of India are given in the attached Statement-II. (See Appendix CXXXVI, *Annexure No. 64*).

Statement

State-wise Procurement of Rice and Wheat made directly by Food Corporation of India

(In '000 Tonnes)

State/Union Territory	(1984-85 CCrop(P) Rice (including Paddy in terms of Rrice)	Wheat
Andhra Pradesh	1783	..
Assam	15	..
Haryana	911	591
Karnataka	101	..
Madhya Pradesh	336	3
Orissa	105	..
Punjab	3834	1632
Rajasthan	46	37
Uttar Pradesh	12	289
West Bengal	96	2
Arunachal Pradesh	3	..
Chandigarh	5	..
Pondicherry	6	Neg.
ALL INDIA	7252	2604

(P) Provisional, subject to revision.

Neg.—Below 500 toneens.

Facilities provided to independent Television company

3229. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the facilities and other considerations given to the Independent Television Company under the contract signed with them;

(b) what is Government's reaction to proposals for TV news agency/material made by (i) PTI, (ii) UNI, (iii) TV Programme Producers Guild of India (iv) TELNA and (v) Fortnightly Current Affairs Programme; and

(c) whether similar facilities and considerations are to be provided to agencies mentioned in part (b) above and also to the recognised TV News and Features Agencies appearing on PIB accreditation list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) to (c) In order to make news programmes of Doordarshan more visual, Doordarshan has entered into contract for a period of maximum of 6 months, w.e.f. 15.8.1985, with the following four TV news agences for the supply of news clips and news features:—

1. M/s. Independent Television Company Private Ltd., 208, Hotel Ambassador, Sujan Singh Park, New Delhi—110003.

2. M/s. T.V. Programme Producers Guild of India, A-1/3, Flat 4, Basant Nagar, Madras—600090.

3. M/s. Press Trust of India, 4, parliament Street, New Delhi-110001.

4. M/s. T. V. News India, 201 Asia House, Curzon Road, New Delhi—110001.

The facilities and other considerations given to these Companies are: —

(i) The TV News Agencies will mainly concentrate their activities in those areas where the coverage of Doordarshan's own team is not comprehensive.

(ii) They can also provide coverage on important development and human interest stories.

(iii) Rate of Rs. 50|- per second will be will be payable to the above-mentioned 4 TV News Agencies for news clips supplied by them from all parts of the country and accepted for telecast by Doordarshan in the national bulletins or special programmes from them.

(iv) They have been allowed to feed the material on the micro wave from the nearest Doordarshan Kendra for its speedy delivery to the Doordarshan news room.

A fortnightly current affairs programme entitled "News Line" has also been introduced in the National Programme of Doordarshan. Doordarshan has not received any proposals from UNI and TELNA for the supply of news clips and news features to Doordarshan. However, arrangements, as applicable to the four TV news agencies, can be made with other agencies on merit including those which appear on the PIB accreditation list.

Resettlement of the inhabitants of Nangal Dewat Village

3230. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any site for the resettlement of the inhabitants of village Nangal Dewat has been selected; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. ....

Directive of the Andhra Pradesh High Court in the matter of employment in F.C.I.

3231. SHRI O. J. JOSEPH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any directive of the Andhra Pradesh High Court in regard to giving first preference to 82 workmen for employment by the Food Corporation of India authorities in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Preference would be given to these persons when recruitment is made for posts of watchmen by Food Corporation of India in Andhra Pradesh.

Agreement with representatives of M.R.M. Project workers of the C.P.W.D.

3232. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had entered into an agreement with the representatives of M.R.M. Project workers of the C.P.W.D. that the senior operators (special class) would be offered the post of Superintendent (E&M) or an equivalent post in the C.P.W.D. in India, on their being declared surplus in Nepal; and

(b) if so, what is the number of senior operators (special class) in Nepal and what steps are being taken to absorb them in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) According to para 7(v) of the Final settlement with the M.R.M workers Senior Operators (Special Class) will be offered equivalent posts and if an equivalent post is not available, the post of E&M Superintendents, on their being declared surplus in Nepal.